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Dear Examiner Egwim:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Washington, DC 20221

Dear Sir.

In response to the Office action mailed May 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A blocked mercaptosilane selected from the group consisting of:

 $[[(ROC(=Q))_p-(G)_i]_k-Y-S]_r-G-(SiX_3)_g$

(1); and

 $[(X_3Si)_n-G]_a-[Y-[S-G-SiX_3]_b]_c$

(2)

wherein

Y is a polyvalent species $(Q)_zA(=E)$ selected from the group consisting of -C(=NR)-; -SC(=NR)-; -SC(=O)-; -S(=O)-; $-S(=O)_2$ -; $-OS(=O)_2$ -; $(-NR)S(=O)_2$ -; -SS(=O)-; -SS